

COST TOO MUCH

The Edisto River Project Halted by the Board of Engineers.

APPEAL CAN BE TAKEN

Board Claims That Cost of Canal Would be Disproportionately Great and That Commerce Between Orangeburg and Charleston Does Not Justify Expense.

The board of engineers for rivers and harbors has acted unfavorably on the report of Capt. E. M. Adams, of the corps of engineers, recommending the improvement of the waterway between Orangeburg to Charleston with a view to providing a more direct route between the two cities than that afforded by existing channels. However, all interested parties have the privilege of appeal from this conclusion to the board of engineers for rivers and harbors for another hearing of the matter, provided the appeal is made within the next three weeks.

It will be remembered that the plan to improve the Edisto river created much interest at both ends of the line. The business men of both Charleston and Orangeburg subscribed for the establishment of a boat line between the Government cleared the streams and made them navigable. Capt. Adams, Congressmen Lever and others interested made several trips of inspection along the Edisto. Capt. Adams recommended the improvement of the waterway, but the board of engineers for rivers and harbors was not convinced of the advisability of the undertaking. The following circular letter sent out from the United States engineer's office to those interested thoroughly explains the situation:

"War Department, United States Engineer's Office, Custom House, Charleston, S. C., December 13, 1910.

"It having come to the notice of the undersigned that you have expressed an interest in the pending proposition for the improvement of waterways from Orangeburg to Charleston, including cut-off or canal from Edisto river to Ashley river with a view to providing a more direct route between said cities than that afforded by existing channels; you are hereby informed that the preliminary examination of the locality named, with a view to certain improvements therein, authorized by the Act of Congress, approved June 25, 1910, has been made, and that the report submitted by this office recommends survey with a view to obtaining final and conclusive information.

"You are further informed that the board of engineers for rivers and harbors is not convinced of the advisability of improvement, or of the necessity of a survey; some of the reasons which prompt this view being:

"(a) The probable cost of the canal project is obviously out of reasonable proportions with resulting benefits.

"(b) The route of the existing waterway is in many places narrow, tortuous and obstructed, requiring a great amount of work to fit it for a practicable and useful navigation."

"(c) There is but little commerce originating on this route, except at Orangeburg, where being practically none between that city and Charleston.

"(d) Neither the present nor prospective commerce would be sufficient to justify the improvement.

"You are further notified that all interested parties have the privilege of an appeal from this conclusion to the board of engineers for rivers and harbors, a permanent body sitting at Washington, D. C., to which all examination and survey reports of this character are referred. Parties desiring to do so may be heard on appeal by the board, either orally or in writing. Written communications should be addressed to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Rooms 507-510, Colorado Building, Washington, D. C., and should be mailed in time to be in the possession of said board within three weeks from the date of this communication. If oral hearings are desired, dates for the same may be arranged for by correspondence with the board.

"You are requested to communicate the foregoing to any persons known by you to be interested in the improvement and who, not being known to this office, do not receive a copy of this communication.

"Very respectfully,
"E. M. Adams,
"Captain Corps of Engineers."

Gene on Pleasant Trip.

Mr. R. F. Pike, who has held a responsible position with the Orangeburg Bank ever since it was organized, has gone on a most pleasant trip to Monroe, N. C., where he was married yesterday to Miss May Gordon of that city. After the marriage the happy couple went on a pleasure trip to the North. They will return to this city in about ten days. We congratulate the happy couple and wish them a long and happy life.

District Deputy Glaze.

In speaking of the distinguished Masons attending the Grand Lodge in Charleston the News and Courier has this to say about a prominent citizen of this city: "District Deputy W. L. Glaze, of Orangeburg, is one of the best known lawyers in Lower South Carolina. He has played an important part in the upbuilding of his home town for many years."

WANT PINK FRANKLIN HUNG.

Petitions Sent to Gov. Ansel Not to Interfere.

Petitions to Gov. Ansel to let the law take its course in the case of Pink Franklin, who is to be hung on Friday, 23rd instant, for the murder of Constable Henry Valentine, has been in circulation for the past few days, and has been numerous signed. These petitions were gotten up by counteract petitions from other counties asking Gov. Ansel to pardon the murderer. We have been informed that there was not an Orangeburg county name on the petitions for Franklin's pardon. These petitions were signed by people who know nothing about the case from other counties.

Another significant fact is that the white lawyers who took the places of the negro lawyers in the case have abandoned all proceedings in the court and are now trying to save the neck of this murderer by having him pardoned by the Governor. Neither of the two white lawyers now in the case are from Orangeburg county. If Franklin has such a strong case for executive clemency as some of the daily newspapers make out, why was not an Orangeburg lawyer employed to represent him before the Governor?

W. L. Glaze, Esq., who assisted the Solicitor in the prosecution of Franklin, and who is familiar with the facts, will appear before the Governor in behalf of the State, and will endeavor to get him to let the law take its course. Solicitor Hildebrandt believes that the verdict in the case was a correct one, and he has declined to recommend any interference on the part of Gov. Ansel, who, it is thought, is inclined to either pardon Franklin outright or commute his sentence to a term in the penitentiary. Such an interference on the Governor's part would be an outrage.

One of the petitions was circulated in Orangeburg on Tuesday and received many signatures. The people of this city think that the law in this case should be allowed to take its course, and don't hesitate to say so. The petition was being carried around by two of the brothers of the murdered man. They said that they had secured the signatures of every man to whom they had presented the petition except six. There were over four hundred names signed to the petitions when circulated in this city. It has been presented to Gov. Ansel.

East Orange Notes.

The carnival held at East Orange school house on the first of December, proved to be a great success. Everybody seemed to have a very pleasant time, and a nice sum was realized. The different committees deserve credit for the systematic way in which everything was carried out.

Master Gilbert Hoffman, who has been attending school at East Orange, is very sick at his home with typhoid fever, but hope he will soon be able to be in his usual place again.

Miss Cora Fersner, who has been engaged in business in Atlanta, has returned home, where she will remain until after Christmas.

Everybody in this section is busy getting ready for Christmas. Several visitors are expected, and a very pleasant time is anticipated. Death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rast on Dec. 4th, and took away their little girl, Mary Clare, about two years old. All that loving hands could do was done, but to no avail. Mary Clare was a very bright child for her years, and that made it doubly hard for her fond parents and friends to give her up. Her little body was laid to rest in Cameron cemetery on Monday afternoon beneath a mound of flowers.

County Teachers Meeting.

The next Teachers' Association of Orangeburg county will be held at Orangeburg, S. C., Dec. 17th, 1910, 11 a. m. The following program has been prepared: Prof. A. J. Thackston, T. E. Dukes and Miss Lula Browne, have each been assigned to read a paper on "A Moral Rural School." Prof. Tillman Shealy, Prof. McKeown and Miss Lettie Layton have each been assigned to read a paper on "The Privileges and Duties of a Teacher in His Community."

The executive committee is composed of the following: Prof. A. J. Thackston, McKeown, Dukes, Rast, Shealy.

Entered and Robbed.

The residence of Mrs. Ella Seignious on Whitman street was entered on Tuesday night and robbed. The thief entered the house through an up-stairs window opening into Mr. George Seignious' room and helped himself to two suits of clothes belonging to that gentleman. Apparently the thief went into no other part of the house, as nothing else was missed. An effort was made to trace the thief with the blood hounds, but on account of so much passing the dogs could not get the trail.

Petter Luck Next Year.

Our boys did not do much at the corn exposition in Columbia in the way of winning prizes, but they will do better work next year, we feel sure. Many other boys in other counties failed to win prizes, so our boys need not feel discouraged. Our boys made as good corn as was made in the State, but Mr. Williams thought they did not prepare in proper shape for a State exhibition.

A Play.

On Dec. 22 (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock p. m. there will be given at North Providence school house an entertainment consisting of two plays: "The Book Agent" and the "Negro Night School," both of which are very good. Be sure to come. We are sure you will be more than repaid.

Municipal Proclamation.

Council Chamber, City of Orangeburg, South Carolina.

By Honorable J. W. H. Dukes, Mayor.

By virtue of the power in me vested by section 90 of Chapter VIII of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Orangeburg, I do hereby suspend so much of said section 90 as forbids "the firing and discharging of crackers, sky-rockets, Roman candles and other fireworks in the city of Orangeburg," for the period between 12 o'clock midnight of December 25th, 1910, and 12 o'clock midnight of January 2, 1911, (Sundays excepted) subject to the following limitations and restrictions, to wit:

1. That on Russell street from Doyle street on the East to Windsor street on the West, the firing or discharging of fireworks shall be restricted to the time between 7 o'clock, p. m. to 7 o'clock, a. m. of the following day; except that on Monday, December 26th, 1910, the same being observed as a holiday—Christmas—the restrictions as to time and place above specified shall be removed.

2. That on Saturday, December 31, 1910, the discharging of fireworks on Russell street is hereby restricted to the time between 8 o'clock, p. m. and 12 o'clock midnight.

3. That the discharging of fireworks on any and all parts of streets adjoining the present "Cotton Yard" is hereby forbidden at any time.

4. That the merchants and all other citizens are strictly enjoined to remove any and all litter and other combustible matter from their premises before the holidays; and to this end the police department is instructed to report all violations of the ordinances of the city and this proclamation touching the above matter, and are charged with the enforcement of fireworks and fireworks within the city of Orangeburg.

5. The exploding of dynamite cartridges or bombs, or other device, the explosive force of which is dynamite, is hereby strictly forbidden anywhere in the city of Orangeburg, under pain of severe penalties.

Done at the city of Orangeburg, S. C., this 12th day of December, 1910.

By the Mayor.

J. W. H. Dukes, City Clerk and Treasurer.

Pine Hill Dots.

We are having some very cold weather up here these days.

Miss Blanche Martin has been visiting her cousins, Misses Lucia and Lizzie Blinnicker, and Miss Ethel Marden.

Miss Anna M. Davis has been very sick for the past week.

The entertainment at Pine Hill High School, which is scheduled for Friday night, will be a very brilliant affair. So come one and all and have a good time.

We are sorry to hear that Miss Flossie Davis is very ill with diphtheria.

Miss Lucia Blinnicker and Miss Blanche Martin spent Wednesday with Mrs. B. E. Bates.

Wedding bells are beginning to ring mighty loud around here.

Rev. Arthur J. Stirewalt, Missionary.

St. Matthews and Mt. Lebanon Lutheran churches near Cameron will have the privilege of hearing Missionary Stirewalt next Sunday. He will be at St. Matthews at 11 and Mt. Lebanon at 3:30.

Rev. Stirewalt is a young man of unusual ability and of pleasing address. His grasp of the situation, religious and political, in the East is comprehensive and masterful. To hear him will be with both pleasure and profit.

Doubtless he will be greeted with large audiences at both churches. Pastor Oxner is to be congratulated upon this opportunity of having Mr. Stirewalt at the time.

Got a Bad Fall.

Capt. W. E. Atwell, who is the conductor on the Southern railway branch road between Batesburg and Perry, was knocked off a box car while making a coupling at Wagener Tuesday morning. His left leg was broken above the ankle, and he suffered a number of bruises. He was on a box car when a coupling was being made and he leaned over the edge of the car to see if it was all right, when the recoil threw him off.

Capt. Atwell is a very heavy man, and it is fortunate that his injuries were not more serious. He was carried at once to Perry and from there to the Columbia hospital in Columbia to have his leg set.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the Orangeburg postoffice for week ending Dec. 13, 1910. Persons calling for same will please say that they are advertised.

Benj. Adams, Grady Adams, Carrie Byers, Meta Evans, Gabe Green, Mrs. Clyde Hilton, Leila Mack, W. C. Misses, Bert Moore, Mrs. Mary Jane Pelzer, Eugen Pressley, John A. Singleton, S. Smith, Percy Still, Mrs. Matilda Stroman, Daisy Summers, Grist Thomas, Mrs. Eva Tyler, Isaac Tyler, Sarah Walls, Mignon Washington, Mattie Whitner.

A. D. Webster, P. M.

Cold Weather to Stay.

The cold weather we have been having for the last few days is apt to stay with us for a few days longer. The temperature has registered below the freezing point several mornings, and there has been plenty of ice. The cold snap was very Christmas, as it was needed for Christmas hog killing, which has been going on at a rapid rate for several days. We have been feasting on pudding and sausage.

PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.

And Let Agents Alone If You Are Wise.

"A man went to Atlanta and bought an automobile. He could have bought the same machine here at the same price from a local dealer, but for some reason, or maybe no reason at all, he preferred to buy it in Atlanta. He bought the automobile and paid for it and brought it home, and it hasn't been in good running order a day since. Every week he has to pay the local automobile people for working on it. If he had bought it from a local dealer at the start, as he should have done, the dealer would have put it in good order for him at first and would have saved money by buying at home, besides getting the satisfaction of having an automobile that he could use whenever he wanted to."

The above article should remind people of the folly of buying things away from home that could be purchased for the same amount of money, and a great many times for half, they pay to agents. Mr. Purchaser, did you ever stop to think that the sewing machine you paid that agent sixty dollars for, you could have bought the same grade machine from a local dealer for thirty-five dollars? Did it ever occur to you that you could have bought as good a range from a local dealer for twenty-five or thirty dollars as the one you paid that agent sixty dollars for?

Every community is more or less infected with agents. Rural districts seem to be a better feeding ground for these swindlers. As for us, we would be glad to see every community rid of such pests. The majority of the people will tell you that they will not buy from an agent, but when these sharpers come along there are so many who will allow these fellows to persuade them that their goods are better and cheaper than they can buy anywhere else, and sometimes go even so far as to persuade them that they can't buy the same article from any other source.

Miss Gladys Cart Entertains.

Miss Gladys Cart entertained quite a number of friends at her hospitable home Friday evening from 8 o'clock until 11. Many games were enjoyed during the evening. Prizes were awarded to Miss Murdaugh Brunson and Mr. Edward Wannamaker for making the most words out of the letters forming the name George Washington.

Among those present were Misses Murdaugh Brunson, Susie Kortjohn, Willie Scoville, Louise Newborne, Janie Brooks Salley, Annie Louise Gelzer, Dorothy Jeffords, Eunice Chambers, Annie Lee Crum and Ora Lee Thompson; Messrs. Dibble Rick-enbaker, Sid Seignious, Clare Ligon, Carl Albrecht, Willie Wright, Cornelison McLees, Earle Dukes Austin, Salley Lewis Weeks, Hammond Bowman, Harry Wannamaker, Edward Wannamaker and Eddie Scoville.

A Bazaar, Cake Walk, and Play.

"My Awful Dad," the comedy advertised to be given at Providence school, Friday, December 16th, will be accompanied by a bazaar and cake walk in the afternoon. The bazaar begins at 4 p. m., and will consist of a fancy booth, a tulip bed, a grab bag, etc.

There will also be a cake walk, in which every one is expected to take part. The winning couple to receive as a prize, an old colonial cake.

Next, the feature of the evening, "My Awful Dad," will be given, beginning at eight o'clock. A small admission of 25 cents and 15 cents is all it will cost you to see this unique comedy.

Every one is invited to come prepared for a good laugh.

Swallowed a Quarter.

The little two year old girl of Mr. Charles Williamson, manager of the Poor Farm, swallowed a twenty-five cent piece about a month ago. For some time she suffered no inconvenience from it, but finally it began to effect her to such an extent that she could not eat anything but liquids. She was taken to Dr. Lin C. Shecut, who put the x-ray on her, and discovered the piece of money turned edgewise in the lower throat. It was taken out with an instrument by Dr. Shecut with the assistance of Dr. C. I. Green. The little girl is now all right.

An Old Man Gone.

Mr. William D. Riser, one of the old citizens of Orangeburg, quietly passed away at his residence in this city on Tuesday evening after an illness of three weeks, aged sixty-three years. Mr. Riser was a member of the Lutheran Church and was a good man. He is survived by his wife and two children, Mrs. A. C. Linstedt, of this city, and Rev. Wilbur Riser, who lives in Virginia. He was with his father when he passed away. The stricken family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

Why Not One Here?

The good people over in Sumter have a custom about this time of the year of holding a mass meeting to raise funds and receive gifts for Christmas presents for the poor, which other communities will do well to emulate. The custom was started in a small way many years ago and has grown in interest, until now the collections amount to several hundreds of dollars each year. It would be a good thing to inaugurate a custom of this kind in Orangeburg.

Appropriate Gifts.

At Sims Book Store one can find a present to suit every member of the family. Wouldn't a nice book be appreciated by anyone? A good fountain would be just the thing for father, and it would not be amiss to give a Bible to anyone.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

PICKED UP ALL OVER TOWN BY OUR REPORTERS.

What is Happening Here and There.

Local Items of Personal Interest to Our Readers.

Books of all kinds make acceptable Christmas presents at a very small cost.

Christmas is only about ten days off, so you had better do your shopping at once.

Nothing makes a more acceptable Christmas present than a handsomely bound Bible.

Before sending off for articles for Christmas presents see what our merchants have to offer in that line. Friday of next week is the day appointed for the execution of Pink Franklin for the murder of Constable Valentine.

Christmas falling on Sunday this year, Monday will be observed as the principle day so far as all festivities are concerned. Rev. L. P. McGhee paid a short visit to this city on his way to Laurens from Charleston, where he attended Conference.

Cut glass and jewelry of all kinds are always in order as Christmas presents. They can be found in abundance in this city.

The congregation of St. Paul are delighted with the return of Rev. H. W. Bays, D. D., to the pastorate of that church for another year.

The executive board of the Orangeburg Baptist association will meet at 11 o'clock on Friday, December 16th, being this week.

On last Sunday afternoon at the Baptist parsonage Rev. Geo. E. Davis joined in holy wedlock Mr. D. H. Bais and Miss Gussie Garrick.

A fountain pen is the very thing to give almost anyone for a Xmas present. Sims Books Store has a large stock of prices from \$1 to \$10.

St. Paul Sunday School will have a celebration on Christmas evening, which will be of a most interesting character. The public are invited to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Pike will reside at No. 18 Orange Court when they return from their bridal trip, with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pike, parents of the groom.

Those folks who send off for what little articles they want to give as presents should remember that the merchants here can save them money.

The funeral services of Mr. W. D. Riser will be had at the Lutheran Church this afternoon at half-past three o'clock. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to be present.

The full appointments of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be found on the fourth page. There is quite a number of changes in the Orangeburg District.

Pink Franklin, who murdered Constable Valentine in the Norway section of this county, in July, 1907, will be hung on Friday of next week, unless Gov. Ansel sets the verdict of the jury in the case aside.

Vances is to have a bank with some of the best people of that enterprising little city at its head. All the banks in this county are prospering, and we predict that the Vances bank will be no exception in that line.

At 7:30 on Christmas evening, the children of St. Paul's Methodist Sunday-school will hold a celebration service in that church. The special music rendered by them will be an attractive feature. The public is cordially invited.

The display of Holiday Goods at the Kohn Store is said to be the greatest in the history of the firm; and then some. Why not make a special effort to go down to Kohn's and select gifts for members of your family and friends? It will well repay you.

The weather-bureau man on last Saturday predicted warm, pleasant weather for the ensuing two or three weeks, but he was evidently not on his job, for the coldest wave of the season arrived unheralded during Monday night, accompanied by a wind of well-nigh cyclonic intensity.

Rev. C. B. Smith, presiding elder of the Orangeburg District, has been sent back for another year, which will be pleasant news to the churches in the district. This is Mr. Smith's fourth year on this district, and next year he will have to be sent elsewhere, as under the rules of his church four years is the limit for pastor or presiding elder.

Bazaar a Success.

Branchville, Dec. 10.—Special.—The Christmas Garden Bazaar that has been conducted by the ladies of the town in the interest of the Methodist church closed last night. The bazaar lasted for two days and nights and was a success in every particular. The ladies who were in charge of the bazaar usually make a success in any undertaking that they commence and from the very commencement of this bazaar it was seen that it would more than carry out its purpose. The bazaar was largely attended and a very nice little sum of money was realized from the bazaar.

"Tricks."

To be presented by the students of the Ellerbe High School on Thursday, December 22, at 8:30. This is a splendid comedy-drama in three acts and seven scenes. The performers interpret their lines well and a most enjoyable production is anticipated. Popular prices for admission will prevail.

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